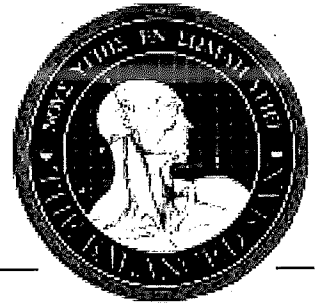


The Red Door



OHIO IOTA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO — AUGUST 2007

Alumni & Volunteer Board Perspective

Brothers of the Heart,
As we are preparing this newsletter we will be getting ready to go to Atlanta for the 50th Grand Chapter Conclave, and are in hopes of bringing home another Buchanan Cup for the Ohio Iota Residential Learning Community.

This November 1st will be the 106th anniversary of the founding of our fraternity, an opportune time to remember the influence of Sigma Phi Epsilon on our lives. So many events mark the passage of our time in this world: the attainment of goals like a promotion or graduation, the birth of a child, the finding a lifelong partner, or the passing of a loved one. These events, though they happen to us all at one time or another, are unique in the feelings they produce individually. Consistently, though, we can rely on our brothers to celebrate with us, encourage us, or sustain us throughout the journey of life. The companionship we gained through Sigma Phi Epsilon is at the very heart of our life experience. Over the years, many of you have honored me by sharing some of the

significant events in your lives and in the last few years I have enjoyed visiting with many of you either in Toledo at events such as Homecoming or on my travels throughout the country.

The friendships made through the everlasting bonds of our brotherhood are without a doubt its greatest benefit. Nowhere else have we the chance to meet people with such a diversity of skills, philosophies, and life experiences all the while sharing those important basic principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. We need only take a moment to recall the pleasant memories of our Sigma Phi Epsilon experience. The love within our brotherhood is binding and holy, forever tying us to one another.

With that thought I would encourage you to think about Sig Ep and the lifetime experience that it is. How are you making it a part of your life today? For some it is serving on the alumni board or as chapter counselor, not just in Toledo, but all through the nation. Ohio Iota has more men on alumni boards throughout the SigEp world than any other chapter. Many chapters

Breaking News!

At the SigEp Comclave just finished, the Ohio Iota Chapter won its 7th Buchanan Cup, making the chapter one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's best!

need your help! We can use more people in Toledo in several capacities.

Many of you contribute generously to our scholarship funds and to the annual appeal. Keeping good communication with alumni is critical for our AB in Toledo. Maintaining a quality house costs money in today's world, and though we feel we have a great facility, we now have competition with some houses that have big bucks coming in. Our Balanced Man Scholarship program is now being copied by over half of the fraternities on our campus.

Could those twelve men in Richmond 106 years ago have imagined our world as it is today? Our lives can be a cacophony of competing interests. Careers and family can easily overwhelm us. Pulled in so many directions we forget those small but important parts of our lives. But the lessons of our beloved fraternity are there to lead us through the chaos; an advantage we should be ever mindful of. In virtue, we find strength; through diligence, we endure; and in brotherly love, we become aware of all those things that make life worth living.

Take a moment today to contemplate the part Sigma Phi Epsilon has played in your life. Take time to call a brother, or send him an email, or write him a letter and share your triumphs and tragedies. Whether your time in SigEp is as long *(continued on page 2)*

Homecoming Set for October 5-6

Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 5-6 for UT's Homecoming!

The weekend will begin with an Alumni Reception at the chapter house on Friday, October 5, from 7-9. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served as alumni gather to renew friendships, tour the house and meet the current undergraduates. Last year this event proved to be a popular one with several alumni who would not normally drop by the house on Saturday.

On Saturday we will once again gather at the home of Tim '82 and Sarah '83 Croak for the annual Parade Viewing Party. Alumni, family and friends will gather to watch the traditional parade and to share fellowship with their alumni and families. Snacks and pop will be provided as usual.

Finally, the traditional cookout at the house will kick off at 3:00 and run until game time at 7:00. The cost for these events is free but the renewed friendships are priceless. Make plans to be in Toledo for Homecoming 2007!

State of the Undergraduate Fraternity

Dear Brothers,
I hope this letter finds you resting, relaxing, and enjoying your summer! Summertime often provides us with a little time for reflection, possibly taking on some large cleaning jobs and/or chores that we've been putting off for a while, and the chance to tweak our everyday routine for the better. Fortunately for us, the summer of 2007 has given the Ohio Iota Chapter these opportunities and more, and we have done our best to make the most of them.

Looking back on the Spring 2007 semester, the chapter sees many promising things such as our collective 3.339 grade point average, which topped all of Greek Life at The University of Toledo for the last semester. Ohio Iota also brought home first Place in the Fraternity Division at Songfest this year, the first time we have done so in the last few years. The theme was "Billboard Hits by the Rockets" and we preformed "Hangin' Tough with the SigEps," a tribute to New Kids on the Block. The performance was choreographed by Brothers Brandon Smeltzer and Jon Hicks.

Also at Songfest, two brothers were inducted into the Blue Key National Honors Society, which consists of the top 13 leaders on campus: Brother Matt Bauer and Brother Justin Carr. Justin, as well as Andrew Doughty, Niketas Katsaros, and Bobby Nearhouf were also inducted into Mortar Board, an honors society that rewards leadership and service. In addition to these awards, Ohio Iota brothers have also been recognized within the chapter and on a national level. The top senior in District 12 again calls Ohio Iota his home, and Brother Christopher Lehmann was coincidentally selected as the top sophomore in the chapter (Zollinger Outstanding Sophomore). In a separate application process, Brother Lehmann was also selected to attend Ruck Leadership Institute, a week-long leadership camp that is part of SigEp's national leadership continuum.

Among various other jobs, House Manager Aaron Alt has been hard at work improving different parts of the house. We now have a newly-remodeled first floor bathroom, as well as a new paint job and floor in our kitchen.

Aaron, who was selected as our chapter's Brother of the Year and Greek Life's House Manager of the Year, consistently puts in work above-and-beyond what is asked of our House Manager, which makes our house one of the top SigEp houses in the country.

Recruitment teams have been hard at work with a unique new recruitment plan which involves setting up "Red Doors" at various spots around campus to promote awareness about the chapter. While this is our main priority rolling into the 2007-08 school year, we have also made great improvements to the chapter website (www.balancedmen.org), which is being continually updated for the first time in years. Through the support of alums such as you, we'll also be adding a new television to our first floor, the final touch on a great year for physical improvements to the house.

Thanks again for your continuing support, and may the rest of your summer be full of fun-in-the-sun for both you and your family!

Sincerely,

Adam Scharf '07

Ohio Iota Undergraduate President

Parent Perspective

Dear Parents,
Wow! After thirty years, it's good to be back. I don't know how many of you have had or will have children that have the opportunity to attend the University of Toledo - let alone a son who has the honor to become a Sig Ep? My son, Jacob did just that, he will be a senior this year, a third year as a Sig Ep. He loves it.

As a responsible adult, I like seeing what the chapter has done by endorsing and following the Balanced Man Program here at UT. Because of being on campus and the Balanced Man Program, the House is Dry. This keeps it cleaner and makes studying easier. I like seeing that they constantly go for the sound mind and sound body concept. My son was having problems with his grades, the chapter made sure he got his assignments done and logged his study hours. How many of us in the past could have used a little of that help when we went to school. We probably had pledge brothers who dropped out of school without our knowledge.

I see great leaders coming from the present chap-

ter with what they all do. This is where my one piece of criticism comes in. The brothers of Sig Ep don't ask for help. I believe we as parents should offer all the help we can afford. We should help financially as well as physically. Parents as well as past brothers need to come forward and help in some way or another. Let's plan a parent / brother work session, do a father/ son euchre tournament, mother /son luncheon auction or an Alumni Mentoring Night. Bring some ideas to your son or if you are a past Brother bring them to the chapter or me.

We will have the Open House during Homecoming (October 6th) and the Parent Luncheon the day after Song Fest (By the way which we won this last year). As a parent or past brother, come by the House and see how great the Sig Eps still are.

Sincerely,

Rich Schneider '78, Parents Representative
Ohio Iota Alumni & Volunteer Board
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Parent's
Corner

Board Perspective (from page 1):

as mine or just a few months, whether you're active in the brotherhood today or find yourself detached from the organization, I think you'll find that somewhere somehow the fraternity had a positive impact on your life, and it still can. We are watched over even when we are far apart one from another. Please remember your help is needed in whatever way you can contribute.

In the Bonds,

Rick St. John '63

President, Ohio Iota Alumni
& Volunteer Board

Recent Undergraduate Awards

Ohio Iota was recently honored with the following this Spring semester.

- First place in grades for all fraternities and sororities at UT for the second year in a row
- First place in the Dean Parks category of grades
- First place in the Dean Parks category for intramurals
- Third place in the Dean Parks category for service and involvement
- Three brothers inducted into Blue Key at Songfest
- Two brothers inducted into Mortar Board at Songfest
- First place in Songfest!
- One brother selected to attend Sig Ep National Ruck Leadership Institute held at the College of William and Mary

Alumni/Senior Dinner Honors Dr. Ken Hergenrather '84 & Dr. Deron Horman '88

The seventh annual Alumni/Senior Dinner was held on Saturday, March 24, where many alumni gathered, along with the undergraduate chapter, to welcome the seniors into the ranks of alumni and to see two of Ohio Iota's best alumni honored. The evening began with cocktails at 6 and then the dinner at 7. Many alumni were present at the event to see Dr.'s Ken Hergenrather '84 and Deron Horman '88 honored with the Career Achievement and Distinguished Service awards respectively. The event also welcomed the 15 graduating seniors of Ohio Iota into the alumni ranks with the Hoop of Steele ritual ceremony.



Dr. Rick St. John '63 awards the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Deron Horman '88 at the Alumni/Senior Dinner

Ohio Iota Undergraduate Officers 2006-07

President	Adam Scharf	5th year	Mechanical Engineering	Kenton, Ohio
Vice President of Programming	Bobby Nearhoof	4th year	Pharmacy	Lake Milton, Ohio
Vice President of Member Development	Matthew Bauer	4th year	Pharmacy	Canton, Ohio
Vice President of Recruitment	Josep Ribe	4th year	Pharmacy	Woodville, Ohio
Vice President of Finance	Christopher Lehmann	3rd year	Finance	Gahanna, Ohio
Chaplain	Aaron Alt	4th year	Operations Management	Delphos, Ohio
Vice President of Communications	Andrew Doughty	3rd year	Mechanical Engineering	Willard, Ohio

New Members for Spring 2007

Ohio Iota is proud to announce two new members for Spring 2007. These new members, along with the current members, take the chapter to 60 men. The Alumni & Volunteer Board held their usual welcome dessert for the new members at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83 where the board and undergraduate leaders talked of their history with Sig Ep and why they chose to join Ohio Iota. We are excited about these new members and welcome them to the Ohio Iota Sig Ep family!

Jonathon Brothers • Freshman, Electrical Eng. • Toledo, OH
Ryan McRoberts • Junior • Pre-Physical Therapy • Hudson, OH

Alumni Board Hosts Etiquette Dinner for Seniors

The Ohio Iota Alumni Board hosted our tenth etiquette dinner at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83. The group began the evening with a mock-tail party and then progressed to a formal dinner where the specifics of etiquette were explained.

Sig Ep's new Balanced Man Program encourages chapters to host such events to prepare our members for life after college. If you would like to serve as the alumni couple, please call Ron Binder at 419-787-8191 or e-mail him at ronbinder@yahoo.com.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Don Schmidt writes that he is a XBX and Sig Ep from a way back to 1950 and that we should be more careful about being photographed with the likes of Jim McCune! That could ruin your reputation! He resides at 340 Calle Consuelo NE, Los Lunas, NM 87031, Phone: 505-565-2281. If any of my friends are ever down this way please give me a call. Thanks.

Henry S. Cowgill '56 recently moved to Luna Pier, Michigan from Toledo, Ohio.

Brother **David Jazwiecki '68** writes that he has moved to 163 Inata Circle, Loudon TN 37774-2629

Larry Beer '76 writes that he is the past-president of the Division 51 of the American Psychological Association. He is the owner/director of the Child & Family Psychological Services of Kalamazoo, Michigan. His daughter is going to be a junior at Purdue this year, another who is a high school senior and a son who is in the 8th grade!

Gary Hasselschwert '78 writes that it's great to read the Red Door! Obviously, the young guys I don't know, but it's great to hear about some of the brothers around my age! Brings back great memories! I haven't been back to the Toledo campus in decades. I have been living in the Cleveland area for around twenty-five years and my wife, Pat, and I are raising two high schoolers, girl and boy, respectively, that keeps us quite busy here. I work for the Trane Company, out of the Cleveland office, so between work and kids, our lives are pretty busy, as others will understand. Possible if one of my kids desire to tour the Toledo campus, we'll make the time to stop by the house. Keep things going!

Adam Fuchs '82 recently moved to 2025 Iris Ct, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, and can be reached at 732-801-5932 or at adam.fuchs!@steritech.com

Dr. Ron Binder '83 was recently reappointed to serve an additional two year term as Chair of Sig Ep National Fraternity's Leadership Committee (he recently completed six years on the committee with the last two as chair).

Dr. Ken Hergenrather '84 was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Education at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with tenure.

Kevin S. Poitinger, Maj, USAF, NC, SFN, CAN, KP - "Fall 84" writes that he recently (Summer '06) got reassigned to Edwards AFB, CA. Home of the Air Force Flight Test Center and Test Pilot School. His new address is 6727 Doolittle Drive, Edwards CA 93523. His phone is 661-258-4465, and his e-mail idkpoitinger@adelphia.net. He is the Primary Care Flight Commander

Mike Honner '91 was elected for a one-year term as State Warden for the Knights of Columbus Alaska State Council recently. He was also appointed for a three-year term to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. Mike's wife, Charlotte, recently received her master's degree in social work from the University of Alaska. Mike has begun his education specialist program. Mike and Charlotte reside in Wasilla, Alaska and work as social workers.

Eric Eastwood '01 says that he enjoys receiving The Red Door and is glad to hear that the chapter is doing so well. It's nice to see that all the work we put in five years ago has paid off. His new address is 7151 North Downing

Drive, Concord, OH 44077

Jason Hoyng '02, says he has move again, this time to 10153 Montague St., Tampa, FL 33626. Jason is with the GE Engineering Apprentice Program. This will be effective starting Aug 10! You're all more than welcome to come visit ANY time... just let me know!

Brother **Cory Long '02** will be on a tour of duty in Korea, starting in July, for the next 12 months. He is a Civil Engineer in the Air Force. Cory spent 4 months last summer in Kirkuk, Iraq. Cory's e-mail: corylong@engineer.com.

Congratulations to Brother **Allen Bresson '05** who married Crissy Faillo on July 7, 2007. Matt Hagemeyer '02, Brent Denny '02 and Nate Konrad '02 attended the wedding. Allen and Crissy reside at 1225 Filomena Circle, Louisville, OH 44641. 330-693-5302.

Devon Scheible '05 recently was appointed the Assistant Director of Residence Life for Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida after graduating from Bowling Green State University this past spring with a master's in College Student Personnel.

Matt Schreiner '07 accepted a job with Bridgestone Firestone in Akron as a product development engineer working in the agricultural and off-road tire group. His contact information is 908 Hemlock Hills Dr., Apt. B, Akron, OH 44313, SchreinerMatt@bfusa.com. 440-821-0639, He says "For years and I wanted to say thank you to everyone."

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the passing of **Floyd H. Obenour** of Lambertville, Michigan.

We regret to also announce the passing of **Thomas E. Johnston**, XBX and Sig Ep from Toledo. Tom was well known as an insurance man and as an active charitable and community service worker. He was very active in Kiwanis and served on the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission. He served the YMCA and Boy Scouts in the area and was active in veteran's groups and Masonic activities. Many will recall his wife Jean who predeceased him, and his mother-in-law, "Mom" Mary Mathie, the Ohio Iota housemother from the 335 Winthrop Street days.



Ted Behnken '82 and Matt Jank '85 at the recent Alumni/Senior Dinner

Thank You Brothers!

Thanks to our generous brothers we were able to raise \$14,336 this year for our three endowed funds through the University of Toledo Foundation! We are fortunate to have brothers that are generous in their giving to Ohio Iota.

The three endowed Ohio Iota Funds are:

1. The original Balanced Man Fund, established in 1986, with a current balance of \$ 59,302, including \$ 5,395 in gifts for 2006.
2. The Mandula Fund, established in 2003, with a current balance of \$ 37,085, including \$ 7,704.68 in gifts for 2006.
3. The Richard and Gail Springer Leadership Fund, established in 2005, with a current balance of \$ 14,105, including \$ 1,237.50 in gifts for 2006.

The following brothers made gifts to these funds in 2006.

The Mandula Fund

Tom Mandula
Arlen Miller
John Mandula
David Mandula
Theodore R. Behnken
Dr. Richard E. Stegman
Mark Mandula
Mark A. Christoff
Mark Mandula

The Balanced Man Fund

Robert McCarthy
Scott Satory
Gregg Wilson
Richard Bensman
Jay C. Gilchrist
Walter Barrett
Richard F.Cordell
Donald Allen
Robert M.Minke
Walter Barrett
Richard F. Cordell
W. M. Black
Robert McCarthy
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Philip A.Woolaver
T. R. Schnell

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Brandt England
Richard Bensma
Bruce A Demers Sr.
Mitchell Rall,
Matt Jank
Donald Allen
Delwin Ketterman
Edward Defraime
Leslie P. Lipski
John Vergiels
Richard Hanley
Gerald L.Seizert
Robert Gang
Russ Karba,

The Richard & Gail Springer Leadership Fund

Donald Thurber
James Williams
Matt Kirlough
Matt Blecke
William P. Blackwell
Albert W. Kleine Jr.
Gerald R.Leroy
Richard L.Springer
Charles Seawater
Guy Beeman
IBM

From these funds we were able to make the following awards:

The Mandula Fund

Awards made to an undergraduate member of Ohio Iota.

Michael McCrystal
\$500.00

The Balanced Man Fund

Awards were made to the following six entering freshmen to UT for \$500 each.

James Vasill
Bret Babcock
Brad Klippstein
Shaun McDonald
Adam Motycka
Nathan Reaver

The Richard & Gail Springer Leadership Fund

Awards not yet made because the fund was just established.

These funds allow Ohio Iota to remain the most competitive fratertntiy on the UT campus and to provide our undergraduate brothers with the means to develop into balanced leaders. We appreciate all our donors and say a hearty "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

News to Share?

Do you have something exciting going on in your life? Get married or retired? Had a reunion with SigEps or are planning one? If so, write a short article and announce it to your fellow SigEp alumni via our newsletter. Please email your information to Ron Binder '83, VP for Alumni Relations, at ronbinder@yahoo.com

Check Out the SigEp Toledo Web Sites

For the latest news on the undergraduates, go to sigep.utoledo.edu/home.html
For the latest on alumni, go to sigep.utoledo.edu/alumni/

Be Sure to Designate Your UT Gifts!

When making gifts to UT be sure to designate them to the SigEp Scholarship Fund, the SigEp Mandula Scholarship, or the Springer Leadership Fund. These endowed funds with UT provide undergraduate scholarships and leadership grants that help the chapter tremendously. The next time you make a UT gift, be sure to designate it to SigEp!

Ohio Iota Alumni & Volunteer Board 2007

- President Dr. Rick St. John '63
- VP - Undergrad Housing Matt Hagemeyer '02
- VP - Member Development . Matt Blecke, Ohio Theta '95
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- Secretary Devon Scheible '05
- Treasurer Ted Behnken '82
- Parent's Club Rep Rich Schneider
- Faculty Fellow Brent Denny '02
- Member-at-Large Gary Hagemeyer '05

If you are interested in serving on the Alumni Board, please contact Rick St. John at 419-478-0471 or email at rstjohn@buckeye-express.com. These positions require two hours per month meeting with the undergraduate officers, plus an every-other-month Alumni & Volunteer Board meeting at the chapter house.

Mark Your Calendar for Homecoming!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 5-6 for UT's Homecoming!
See front page for more information.



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